

Approved Minutes

1. **Welcome**
Members present: Kaitlin Carafa, Michelle Hill, Kimberly McTighe, Richard Chernack, Monica Barden, Lisa Mason, Morica Hutchison, Phil Bunick, Cynthia Zingler, Joanna Keyes, Steven Jackson
2. **Review of 3/28/18 Minutes**
A motion to accept the 3/28/18 minutes as presented was made and seconded. The motion to accept the March 28 minutes passed. All votes were in favor.
3. **Events/Activities**
 - a. **National Prevention Week (NPW) May 13-19**
 - i. **Rockville ROCKS! – May 12th Community Block Party NPW Kick off**
Kaitlin emailed the flyer for the Community Prevention week kickoff event to all members. There is still some room for organizations to sign up to participate. The event will include a variety of activities, information about community resources, food, parent education, Hidden in Plain sight demonstration, and Narcan training.
 - ii. **RHS awareness activities:**
Many prevention awareness activities are planned to take place during the month of May. One is the Mock Car crash which will take place on May 2nd, during the week before the RHS Senior prom. The mock car crash is a simulation of a deadly car crash caused by distracted, drugged, and drunk students. The scenario has been written by RHS students and is just one of many creative prevention activities the Peer advocate student leaders have planned throughout the week before prom. Kaitlin will also be involved and assisting in additional prevention activities during the first week of May and during national prevention week (the third week of May).
 - iii. **State/DHMAS activities**
DHMAS has planned 2 large statewide events to take place during national Prevention week. They include;
 - A Health and Wellness Fair, May 14th from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the lawn of the Capitol in Hartford. It will include a large variety of vendors containing information about health and wellness, including the Vernon ROCKS Coalition.
 - DHMAS will also be promoting prevention awareness at the Yard Goats game in Hartford on May 19 at 6:05pm. Video contest winners for Prevention based PSA's will be announced on the big screen.
 - b. **Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance checks:**
Alcohol compliance checks arranged in collaboration with DHMAS, Liquor control, and Vernon PD are scheduled to occur soon.
Tobacco compliance checks are scheduled to take place in May.
 - c. **DEA Drug Take Back Event – 4/28/18 11a-2p @ Walgreens**
4. **Data/Evaluation Subcommittee meeting recap**
A small group of coalition members met as the Evaluation subcommittee on April 11 with the UCONN evaluator. The following items were discussed:
 - Increasing our capacity to evaluate and measure the success of our work is critical to the sustainability of our work.
 - Discussed ways to get more student data on substance use, particularly from those that are 17-18 years of age, which was not reflected as highly in the fall student surveys.

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- Coalition member interviews will be taking place and conducted by Morica. New members will be interviewed first and then Morica will interview those who have already been interviewed, the purpose of this is to measure the growth and development of the coalition.
 - A brief coalition member survey will go out in July to track progress of the structure and functioning of the group.
5. Conference Opportunities: Kaitlin shared the following training/conference opportunities:
- a. Drug Endangered Children Prevention Conference –4/21 deadline for Early Bird rate
 - b. CADCA : 17th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute
Jul 15, 2018 to Jul 19, 2018 - Orlando, FL
 - c. NPN September: The National Prevention Network conference will be held August 28-30, 2018 at the Boston Park Plaza. The conference is 3 days, complete with keynotes, breakouts, and networking opportunities. The conference theme for 2018 is A Revolution in Prevention: Understanding the Past, Informing the Future.
- Anyone interested in attending any of these trainings should contact Kaitlin at kcarafa@thevillage.org

Submitted by:

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